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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

TBS and Fuji TV led with reports that President Trump told the press on Tuesday that the location and the date for the U.S.-DPRK summit will be announced "over the next couple of days." NHK and TV Asahi led with a forecast for heavy rain in the Kanto region from this evening. NTV gave top play to a report that Tadao Yanase, a former top aide to Prime Minister Abe, is expected to admit at the Diet that he met with Kake Gakuen officials at the Kantei about three years ago.

## INTERNATIONAL

### U.S. media reports Kim Jong Un agreed to hold U.S-DPRK summit at Panmunjom

TV Asahi reported at noon on a CNN story that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed with ROK President Moon's proposal to hold the U.S.-DPRK summit at Panmunjom. CNN reported that a North Korean source said President Moon persuaded the North Korean leader to hold the summit at Panmunjom during their meeting last week. According to the network, a U.S. official said President Trump is strongly hoping to shake hands with Kim at the DMZ and that he wants to be filmed leaving the summit if it doesn't go well.

- [Abe aims to resolve N. Korea abduction, nuclear issues](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Gist of PM Abe's news conference in Amman, Jordan on May 1](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Japan will actively contribute to Mideast peace: Abe](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Abe says Japan to provide additional 1.1 billion yen to help Jordan with Syrian refugees](#) (Nikkei)
- [Kishida off to India, Vietnam](#) (Nikkei)
- [Comprehensive strategy needed for building peace on Korean Peninsula](#) (Mainichi)
- [Survey of newspaper editorials on inter-Korean summit, DPRK denuclearization](#) (Mainichi)
- [AIIB approves 2 newcomers, membership expands to 86](#) (Jiji Press)

## **ECONOMY**

- [U.S. eager to form trade deal with Japan “at some point”: USTR](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan, U.S. bodies to help develop maritime oil drilling technology](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Hitachi to take part in Taiwan’s shift in energy policy](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Venture capital funds team up with major companies to support startups](#) (Nikkei)

## **SECURITY**

- [Japan and US should put alliance on even footing, ex-minister says](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: Renovation of Izumo destroyer needed to strengthen defense of remote islands](#) (The Japan News)

## **POLITICS**

- [Prime minister’s schedule on April 30 – May 1, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Abe aide to correct Diet remarks over favoritism scandal: source](#) (Kyodo News)
- [An interview with Fumio Kishida](#) (Nikkei)
- [Survey shows younger constitution scholars tend to accept SDF’s constitutionality](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Is Shinjiro Koizumi part of an “agricultural policy clique”? \(Nikkei\)](#)
- [7 people with top bureaucratic experience admit to using private emails, Line for work](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Cartoon: Work-style reform](#) (Akahata)

## **OPINION POLLS**

- [75% say Japan-North Korea summit “should be held,” Nikkei poll](#) (Nikkei)
- [Backing for Abe and Koizumi for next LDP president tied at 26%, Nikkei poll](#) (Nikkei)
- [42% of voters feel the Heisei Era is “tumultuous,” Asahi survey](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

## **EDUCATION**

- [Todai changes course, mulls private English tests for entrance exam](#) (Nikkei)
- [Trial starts for potential new English test for national achievement exam](#) (The Mainichi)

## **SOCIETY**

- [U.S. man indicted for killing woman in Osaka](#) (Kyodo News)
- [6 foreign trainees worked at Fukushima N-plant](#) (Jiji Press)

